

CROWDS AT CHAUTAUQUA

The Attendances at the Summer Classes Larger Than Ever.

Sports and Recreations Indulged In by the Visitors The Program for August.

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People are at present within the grounds of the Lake Assembly. Many hundreds are in the summer classes, large numbers are interested in members of their families and friends who are this year to graduate from the C. L. S. C. course, but by far the largest is the class of those who are present for the purpose of resting on this delightful point on the lake, and who elect to attend but a few of the numerous lectures. This latter class has steadily grown in numbers during the past few years, for Chautauqua has become famous the country over for reasons other than its connection with the C. L. S. C. course. To these persons abundant means of recreation are furnished, and very generous percentage of the riders are ladies—but not the pleasantest. A cycling academy is patronized by many who are anxious to become accomplished riders before they return to their city homes, and the grounds are furnished with a bicycle track. Seen on the roads running to and from the riding school. The lake, of course, furnishes sports for those who enjoy boating and fishing. Bass are quite plentiful and a short distance from Chautauqua, and, indeed, the lake is so large that it is not surprising that a pickeret caught some time ago the world's largest pickeret.

At the northeast corner of the grounds is a ball field, and the Chautauqua nine has won the championship of the American League. Its match games with clubs from nearby towns are seldom by stage. Yale's famous pitcher, in fact, has been seen here, and is particularly college men spending their vacations here. Their shirt fronts indicate that they belong to the University of Michigan, Harvard and Amherst. The games are witnessed by hundreds, and the Associated Press has remarked that the theologians of the world are to be seen in the ball park grounds instead of their boarding houses. Grounds are also used for various other sports, and the lighter sports of tennis and croquet—these means of recreation are but secondary, of course, to the greater objects of the academy, which the assembly.

An Attractive Closing Program.

Heretofore the last month of the assembly has received the greater attention, as a much larger number of people usually attend the closing weeks. This year, however, has been the aim of the management to present a program in July which would be of great interest to the attractions offered in August. Their plan was carried out as follows: Dr. Wm. R. Harper, president of the University of Chicago, on "Bible Study," Dr. B. Bruce of the Free Church of Scotland, on "The Days of the Confederacy," Frank G. Carpenter, the well-known news gatherer, on his travels in the Orient, and many others. The program was carried out as follows: Dr. Wm. R. Harper, president of the University of Chicago, on "Bible Study," Dr. B. Bruce of the Free Church of Scotland, on "The Days of the Confederacy," Frank G. Carpenter, the well-known news gatherer, on his travels in the Orient, and many others. The program was carried out as follows: Dr. Wm. R. Harper, president of the University of Chicago, on "Bible Study," Dr. B. Bruce of the Free Church of Scotland, on "The Days of the Confederacy," Frank G. Carpenter, the well-known news gatherer, on his travels in the Orient, and many others.

McKinley to Make a Speech.

Saturday, August 24, will be Grand Army day, and on that occasion there will be a patriotic concert by the band, chorus and solo Glee Club, and an address by Gov. McKinley of Ohio. There are some special features in Chautauqua, and Mr. McKinley will be the first to speak. The program is a very interesting one, and the speakers are of the highest quality. The program is a very interesting one, and the speakers are of the highest quality.

Interesting Personal Mention.

The class of '05, which graduates on the last of this month, has for its president, W. F. Crafts, D.D., Pittsburgh, Pa.; president; Professor H. B. Adams, Baltimore, Md.; Rev. J. B. Morton, West Park, N. J.; Miss Mary Davenport, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mr. George P. Hukill, Oil City, Pa.; Mr. Robert A. Miller, Oil City, Pa.; Mr. S. H. Hawes, Richmond, Ohio, and Mrs. Mary E. Miller, Akron, Ohio, recording secretary; Miss Jane M. Welch, Oil City, Pa., treasurer; and Mr. R. R. Macdonald Alden, Washington, D. C., treasurer. The class is a very interesting one, and the speakers are of the highest quality.

The Texas in Commemoration.

The battleship Texas was put in commission at Norfolk yesterday. The ceremony was brief and simple. The band played "Houma" by the thirty-two marines, followed by 322 sailors, marched from the ship on board the orders assigning Capt. J. B. Clark to command the ship, and the ceremony of commissioning her was complete. The yard force of the ship, and the crew, were in the water about three weeks for this work.

Another "Hope" Story.

The "Madness of Lord Harry Culver," by Anthony Hope, will be published complete in tomorrow's Star, extensively and beautifully illustrated. The scenes are in Strelau, in the forest of the Castle of Adana, made so familiar by Hope's famous